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By Courier & Fax

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Dear Mr. Cohn:

**Re: Richardson Flat Tailings Site
Summit County, UT**

We acknowledge receipt of your letter dated June 7, 2000 along with the accompanying Draft Administrative Order on Consent For Focused Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study and Draft RI/FS Work Plan which was received in this office on June 14, 2000. We have yet to have an opportunity to fully review the documentation with either our technical or legal advisors but we wish to advise EPA and the State of Utah that we are proceeding with same forthwith and intend to respond to your letter as expeditiously as possible. We are in the process of contacting United Park City Mines Company to discuss this matter and any joint proposal that may be forthcoming from all involved parties.

It has been almost twenty years since Noranda's activities on the site concluded and it is taking some time to locate all of our relevant files. We understand that EPA is in the possession of previous investigations including a Site Inspection Analytical Results Report for Richardson Flat Tailings (Ecology and Environment, 1985) and the Removal Assessment Final Report (Ecology and Environment, 1993). It would be a great assistance in preparing our response if we could obtain copies of these documents. Therefore, I would kindly ask that you provide us with copies of same as soon as possible.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hillar J. Pinna', written over a horizontal line.

Hillar J. Pinna
Associate General Counsel

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